



## Snow Creek Christian Church

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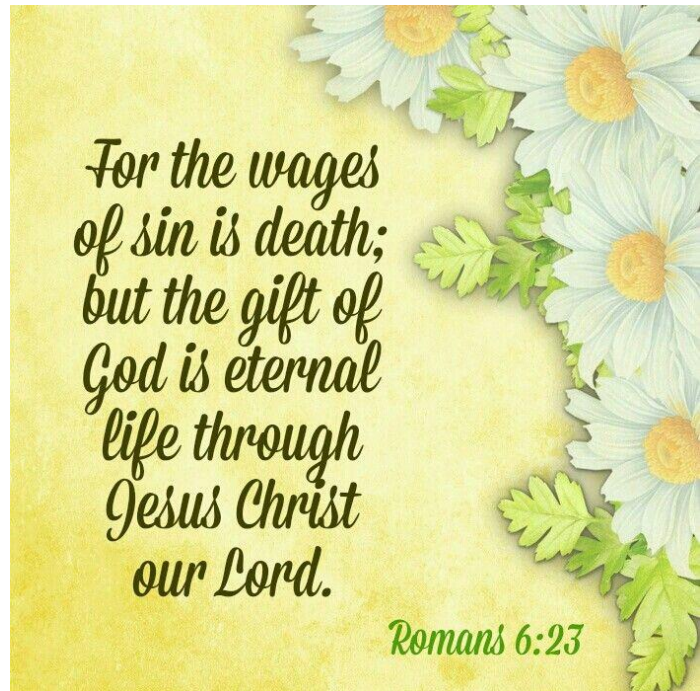
June 2020

### *Reflections*

**G**lobal health crisis, economic collapse, civil unrest, if you are looking for bad news, this spring and especially the past month has brought it. It is hard to pick up a newspaper or turn on the TV or get online and find much to feel positive about. Sometimes, I think news organizations can get a bad rap about this. It is not as if they can ignore all of these problems and report what we want to hear. If we get to a place where people doing good becomes newsworthy, then we may really be in trouble.

The church on the other hand has the opposite problem. We are supposed to be the place that people look to find the Good News. We

cannot simply ignore health issues or poverty or anger in our communities or our world, but if the church ceases to focus on the Good News then we really are in trouble. These phenomena may be new for us, but the church, the body of Christ, has weathered persecution and plagues and wars and famine much worse than we can see on our TV



screens today. The literal body of Christ and its fate on the cross show that in God we have every reason to be hopeful and faithful amidst the troubles around us.

As we enter a new month and a new season, I cannot guarantee that the world will get any better. There is quite a bit more that could go wrong. But regardless of what the news is elsewhere, Snow Creek can be a source of the Good News for everyone. We can help people as they maintain their faith in God's guidance. We can be a source of hope that God's will can be still be done. We can be a source of continued love towards God and a reminder that love towards our neighbor is as important now as ever.

With that said, we will be broadcasting this Good News a little bit differently. Sometime this month, hopefully sooner rather than later, we will attempt to regather through a drive-in service in the parking lot. Right now, I have some equipment on order that I am waiting on in order to facilitate this and I will have more information forthcoming. I know that this poses some issues for a lot of different people in the church, so I will also continue to send out the online services as we have been doing to give people another option. For times' sake, I am going to stop sending the daily devotions in order to look into some different ways that the church can continue to spread this Good News. But regardless of how we get our news, the news from Snow Creek will continue to be God's Good News as reported to us by Jesus and distributed through God's Holy Spirit.

God Be with You,

Scott

### **June Lectionary Readings**

Sermon topic in *italics*

June 7 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

- *Genesis 1:1-2:4a*
- Psalm 8
- 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
- Matthew 28:16-20

June 21 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

- Genesis 21:8-21
- Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
- Romans 6:1b-11
- *Matthew 10:24-39*

June 14 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

- *Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7*
- Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
- Romans 5:1-8
- Matthew 9:35-10:23

June 28 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

- Genesis 22:1-14
- Psalm 13
- *Romans 6:12-23*
- Matthew 10:40-42

***Numbers 6:24***

*The LORD bless thee,  
and keep thee. (KJV)*

# Blessed Father's Day!



## **THANK YOU, DAD**

Thank you for the laughter,  
For the good times that we share,  
Thanks for always listening,  
For trying to be fair.

Thank you for your comfort,  
When things are going bad,  
Thank you for the shoulder,  
To cry on when I'm sad.

This poem's a reminder that  
All my life through,  
I'll be thanking heaven,  
For a special Dad like you.

*Anonymous*



## *Outreach News*

Snow Creek Christian Church faithfully partners with not-for-profits in our community.

This month we highlight the Franklin County Resource Center

Snow Creek Christian Church endeavors to partner with local ministries that reach out and serve the needs of the most vulnerable in our community. We understand that the needs are often great and preserving the privacy of the recipients can be a Challenge. For this reason, we offer our support through each receiving organization, with faith that each recipient of assistance will be treated with dignity and respect.

This month we are shining a light on domestic violence.

Pandemics and natural disasters cause increased emotional and financial stress and this often exacerbates an already tense home situation. History shows that domestic violence, especially against women and children, increases in times of crisis. The Covid-19 pandemic with the resulting stay-at-home order may be forcing victims of violence to shelter in place with their abuser. Franklin County Family Resource Center can help. Services are non-judgmental, confidential, voluntary and free.

Services available include: crisis intervention; safety planning; court advocacy; emergency domestic violence shelter; support groups; youth and children's services; stress/anger management class; follow-up; and much more.

Franklin County Family Resource Center  
P.O. Box 188 Rocky Mount, VA 24151

Information numbers:

Office: (540) 483-5088

24/7 Domestic Violence Hotline: 483-1234

In Case of Emergencies, Dial: 911

The Franklin County Family Resource Center's mission statement:  
"To promote safe and healthy living environments for Franklin County families in crisis who are victims of domestic violence."

Ms. Angela Phillips, Director of Family Resource Center (left)  
Receiving the Snow Creek Christian Church donation from Linda Hippisley

When I met with Angela this past year to present her with your generous donation, I asked her what were the most pressing needs at the shelter. Angela's immediate response: "What it always is ... Lysol, Clorox/bleach, hand sanitizer, wipes, soap, toilet paper, paper towels, facial tissues, dish/laundry detergent!"



Wow!!! This list represented a constant need before we ever heard of Covid-19 and the continuing shortages on the store shelves!

The shelter also assists with relocating victims to a new, safe living environment.

Again, the needs are great: dishes, linens, pots, pans, coffee pots, can openers, lamps, etc. If you have any of the above items to donate, please feel free to contact me or the Family Resource Center to arrange for a secure drop-off; all would be gratefully accepted.

- Linda Hippisley, Outreach Chair



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS



***TYLER JORDAN***

Tyler graduated from Dabney S Lancaster Community College with a Forest Management Technology degree. He is the Son of Steve and Cynthia Jordan and the Grandson of Gusta Morris.

***NOAH BESSETTE***

Noah graduated from Campbell University with a degree in Business Administration. He will be working with his Dad as a manager for Sweetwater Landscaping. He is the Grandson of Phillip and Debbie Haynes. He is the Great Grandson of Curtis and Louise Washburn.



## BRYCE MITCHELL

Bryce graduated from Franklin County High School. He is the son of Andrew Mitchell and Belinda Mitchell. He is the grandson of Howard and Betty Lou Mitchell.

## BREYER MARTIN



Breyer graduated from 5<sup>th</sup> grade with a diploma and honor roll certificate for the year at Carver Elementary.

## Snow Creek Elementary School Graduates

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



NATHAN AMOS



BRODIE EANES

**LACEY MITCHELL**



**TAYLEE AMOS**

**Kindergarten**

**WALKER AMOS**

**WALKER PRUET**

**Preschool**

**CONNER AMOS**

**KAILEA MARTIN** - achieved the "A" Honor Roll for her 2<sup>nd</sup> year at Magna Vista

**ASHER HIPPISELEY** - completed 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Mt Pleasant and did outstanding.



# *In Memoriam*

March 6, 1926 - May 20, 2020  
**Arthur Calvin Martin, 94,**  
of Martinsville, VA



Passed away on Wednesday, May 20, 2020. He was born on March 6, 1926, to the late Arthur Christian Martin and Annie Brodie Martin. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Humphreys Martin; sisters, Edith Martin, Rebecca Alley, and Edna Mae Martin; and brothers, Harold Martin and George Patrick Martin. Mr. Martin served in the United States Navy during World War II. He was a member of Snow Creek Christian Church and worked at DuPont for 40+ years. He is survived by his daughter, Anita Carol Martin of Florida; son, Jimmy Calvin Martin of Martinsville, Va.; sister, Margaret Clark of Colorado; grandchildren, Todd Martin (Melody) of Spencer, Va. and Misty Cox (Jason) of Greensboro, N.C.; and great-grandchildren, Kailea Martin and Breyer Martin both of Spencer, Va. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Snow Creek Christian Church, 4970 Snow Creek Rd. Martinsville, VA 24112.

Calvin was the oldest member of our Church Family. He lived the majority of his life in Snow Creek. He was a lifelong member of the Church. He always met you with a friendly greeting and smile on his face. His smile was even bigger when surrounded by his family at Church. He was present most Sundays when he was able to attend the service. He frequently attended the Men's Prayer Breakfast every month and other Church activities. He will be greatly missed. I had the pleasure of interviewing him in 2016 for a Homecoming Article on the history of the Church. **I have attached the article about this amazing man below.**

"Calvin celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 6. He has lived in the Snow Creek Area for the majority of that time except for a few years while in the military during World War II and a short time in Martinsville. He has lived most of his life on property across the road from the Church. Snow Creek Christian Church is the only church he has attended. He began attending the Church as a child with his parents and brothers and sisters (Pat, Edna May, Edith, Margaret, Harold, and Becky). He continued to attend

Church later with his wife and children. He attends in recent times with his son, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

He retired from Dupont with 35 years of service. He continued to work for a contractor of Dupont for a few years following his retirement. He then became a courier for Bank Services 21 years ago. He is still employed and works one day a week. He drives the vehicle 380 miles to Bristol and back and makes 10 stops at different banks. He says he continues to work because he loves to work and meet people.

Calvin indicates his tips for staying healthy include exercise. He goes to the local school track and walks a mile to a mile and a half 6 days a week. He also does stretch and bending exercises. He loves to work in his yard (his yard is definitely beautiful and well cared for) and grow a garden. He states he has downsized the garden and only grows tomatoes, corn, and cucumbers now. As far as his diet, he says he eats what he wants to eat BUT not exactly on the advice of his Doctor. We will not tell!

His love of his family and others is apparent as his dedication to the Church. He is an inspiration to all. He always has a smile on his face and a positive attitude. We are very fortunate to have him in our Church family."

Barbara Smith





## *Family News*

A little something to distract from all the negativity!

Walker and Barrett are so excited they are being promoted to big brother and big brother again! Baby Pruett number 3 is on the way, Dec 10th!

From Facebook



LET'S CELEBRATE



### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kitty Plybon
- 2 Andrew Mitchell
- 3 Opal Hanks
- 4 Melissa Gabriel
- 9 Troy Lambert
- 9 Douglas Perdue
- 10 Kailea Martin
- 18 Leslie Amos
- 25 Noah Bessette
- 26 Ruth Ann Prillaman
- 28 Nathan Amos

### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Donald & Michelle Via
- 10 Casey & Whitney Eanes
- 11 Jared & Erica Pruett
- 29 GB & Krystal Washburn
- 30 Kevin & Susan Doyle